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SUBJECT: DOCKWORKERS LIFT EXPORT BAN

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1. AT JULY 24 MEETING OF BOARD OF ICELANDIC GENERAL AND
TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (VMSI), IT WAS DECIDED TO LIFT
EXPORT BAN WHICH HAD BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE MID-APRIL. VMSI
LEADERSHIP SAID BAN HAD BEEN EFFECTIVE AND HAD MADE POINT OF
DEMONSTRATING LABOR OPPOSITION TO GOI ECONOMIC MEASURES.
EMPLOYERS ON OTHER HAND FELT BAN HAD GENERALLY BEEN FAILURE
IN THAT GOODS WERE STILL ABLE TO BE MOVED THROUGH PORTS
IN UNAFFECTED AREAS. IN ADDITION, NUMEROUS EXEMPTIONS TO
BAN WERE GRANTED BY VMSI WHENEVER IT FELT IT WOULD BE IN
ITS OWN INTEREST.

2. EMBASSY LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT BAN WAS LIKELY TO BE
LIFTED BECAUSE OF UNHAPPINESS WITHIN LABOR MOVEMENT.
SEAMEN AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH FISHING INDUSTRY WERE
GENERALLY UNHAPPY WITH EXPORT BAN AND, WITH COOPERATION
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FROM EMPLOYERS, HELPED PRESSURE VMSI TO LIFT BAN.

3. ALTHOUGH STRIKE CAUSED SOME INCONVENIENCE, ITS IMPACT
ON INTENDED TARGETS--GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS--WAS
MINIMAL. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT LABOR WAS SUFFERING
MORE THAN MANAGEMENT, EXPORT BAN WAS LIFTED.
BLAKE

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